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## **Assignment 10: gITF!**

We will load our favorite mesh from a file and then convert it to a valid gITF file. You can choose if you want to do this assignment in JavaScript or in Python. In class, we will use Python (see example colab https://cs460.org/shortcuts/33/).



**Starter code for assignment 10.** After pulling from upstream, there is the folder 10 in your fork. This folder contains an index.html file that uses JavaScript to make gITF JSON. This folder also contains a gltf.py script that you can run with python gltf.py to output the gITF JSON. As a start for this assignment, both versions create an identical valid gITF JSON structure holding a single triangle (see screenshot above).

**Part 1 (1 points):** Please decide which language you will use: JavaScript or Python. Python might be a bit easier to load and parse an existing file—with JavaScript we need to use Ajax to load the existing mesh and parse it (or as option 3: use a Three.js loader and grab the vertices/indices from there). For parsing files with Python look here: https://tutorial.eyehunts.com/python/python-read-file-line-by-line-readlines/ For using Javascript and Ajax look here: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/XMLHttpRequest/Using\_XMLHttpRequest.

Part 2 (15 points): Load a mesh from an external file. A .PLY or .OBJ file might be the easiest to parse.

Part 3 (20 points): Parse all vertices from the loaded mesh and create the VERTICES array and base64 code.

Part 4 (20 points): Parse all indices from the loaded mesh and create the INDICES array and base 64 code.

**Part 5 (10 points):** Calculate all required fields for the gITF file (as we did in class) and generate the gITF JSON code. Store the gITF JSON code in a gITF file.

Part 6 (5 points): Please make sure the gITF file is valid using http://github.khronos.org/gITF-Validator/.

Part 7 (5 points): Visualize the gITF file using https://gltf.insimo.com/. You might have to choose the wireframe display option since the gITF file does not include material (Display -> Wireframe, in the dat.GUI). Please replace the screenshot above.

Part 8 (5 points): Add the gITF file to your fork.

**Part 9 (10 points):** Choose a final project—either an existing one from https://cs460.org/assignments/final/ or a new one. Please list the project here and in the link. If working as a team, assemble your team and list the team members below and in the link.

**Shadow mapping in a 3D WebGL model:** Making animation in which a moving light casts shadow of objects around.

Part 10 (9 points): Make sure this PDF and your gITF file are in your fork on github. Then, please send a pull request.

## Bonus (33 points):

**Part 1 (15 points):** Please add any kind of material to the gITF file. For this, you would have to read the specs or google for examples:)

Part 2 (18 points): Write THREE.js code that displays your gITF file using the THREE.GLTFLoader.